

**Minutes of a Special meeting of Denbigh Town Council held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall, Denbigh.**

**Present:** Councillors Catherine Jones (Chair), Roy Tickle, Alyn Ashworth, Philip Stevens, Rob Parkes, Gaynor Morgan Rees, Rhys Thomas, Dyfrig Berry, Glenn Swingler, Lara Pritchard & Irene Williams; & Jenny Barlow (Town Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllrs: Gaynor Wood-Tickle & Guto Lloyd-Davies.

The chair welcomed all to the January special council meeting.

**139. Declaration of Personal Interest:**

Councillor	Item	Personal or Prejudicial
Roy Tickle	3 – Denbigh Town Hall	Prejudicial

**140. \*Urgent Matters:** The town councillors agreed for Cllr Roy Tickle to remain at the meeting while discussing this item. The town councillors also agreed that future discussions regarding the town hall would be open to the general public.

Letter received from Judith Greenhalgh dated 08.12.18 was noted and will be discussed fully at the January full council meeting.

Cllr Lara Pritchard arrived at 6.45pm.

Cllr Catherine Jones advised that the town council needed 3 quotations for a business case to conform to their financial regulations. The current standing orders need to be amended accordingly. The town clerk confirmed that a business brief had been prepared in addition to a public notice. This will be circulated with the town councillors electronically with feedback required by 9am on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January. The noticeboard, website notice and invitations will be sent out on the 21<sup>st</sup> with quotations to be received by noon on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February. A special meeting has been scheduled to review the applications on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

Cllr Rhys Thomas advised that there was a cabinet meeting to be held on the 22.01.19 at Denbighshire County Council and the asset transfer of Denbigh Town Hall was on the agenda.

\* Due to the confidential nature of the business of this agenda item, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (3) it is proposed to put forward a motion to exclude members of the public during discussion of this agenda item.

**141. To discuss and prepare the council's spending budget for the financial year 2019/2020 -**

The town clerk issued all the town councillors with financial reports relating to the current budget, up to date expenditure as well as potential payments to be made until the end of the financial year.

The town clerk gave a short presentation detailing each financial topic within the Town Council's annual expenditure. This included looking at the finances in details to ensure that all expenditure were include. The clerk confirmed that the budget for 2019/2020 would be £249,150.00.

The town clerk confirmed that Lock Stock will continue to support the Fireworks event with a donation of £3,000.00. The town clerk was requested to contact Lock Stock with a note of thanks.

The clerk allowed time for the Cllrs to digest the information provided and then actioned a question and answer session. The questions were all answered and the budget for the coming year was accepted.

Cllr Philip Stevens left at 7.40pm

**142. Set a precept figure for the financial year 2019/2020.** The clerk gave information relating to the amounts required to cover the expenditure for the coming year. This was discussed by the councillors and a precept amount of £66 per household was agreed. This equated to a weekly increase of 4p per household. This would give a precept figure of £225,126.00 as well as use £10,959 from reserves and credits received..

Both the expenditure figure and precept figures were agreed by the councillors.  
The clerk is to contact Denbighshire with the details.

The chairman closed the meeting at 7.42pm

Signed:.....(chairman)

Date:.....